



Welcome to the March 2025 edition of the [Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club](#) Newsletter! We'll try to keep you up-to-date with what's happening this month and any future events we're planning or are aware of. This newsletter is automatically distributed to club members, prospective future students who have reached out to us in the last year, and other interested amateur operators in the region. If you do not wish to receive these monthly newsletters, let us know and we can remove you from our distribution list. Alternatively, if you are not included on the mailing list, but would like to receive a copy of our newsletter, please reach out to our secretary.

March 2025 Club Meeting - Tuesday night March 4th, Stratford Town Center

I hope you're enjoying the first false Spring of the season. ☺ Our next monthly meeting will be held this coming Tuesday, March 4th, at the Stratford Town Centre. Start time: 7:00 P.M. As always, everyone is welcome to attend, not just club members. If you're a licensed radio operator and would like to become a member, or you're perhaps interested in becoming licensed and would like to find out more about us and the hobby, then please come and join us. We would love to meet you. For anyone who would like to become a member, membership dues are \$30 for those who are not currently members of the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC). For RAC members, it's \$20 for the year. Our students and graduates from the 2024 classes are automatically members of the club for 2025. Our meetings run from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. (1900-2100) in the Southport room at the Stratford Town Centre on Shakespeare Drive. Alongside monthly club reports we usually enjoy an information exchange. This month, we're hoping to find out a little more about Bletchley Park in England, UK.

Clock Change - Spring Forward - Sunday March 9th

Don't forget to change your clocks next weekend. The clocks will be springing forward one hour next Sunday March 9th at 2:00 a.m. AT (i.e. from 2:00 a.m. AST to 3:00 a.m. ADT).

S.M.A.R.T. 2025 - Registration Now Open

Registration has been open since February 20th. To date (March 1st), there have been 88 registrations (out of a maximum of 150). For more details and/or to add your name, click [here](#). There is a great lineup of presenters and subjects, including our very own Ricardo VY2AN. The date for S.M.A.R.T. 2025 is May 10th.

Contest Calendar - March

[ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB](#) - 0000Z, Mar 1 to 2400Z, Mar 2, 2025

[North American Sprint, RTTY](#) - 0000Z-0359Z, Mar 9

[Virginia QSO Party](#) - 1400Z, Mar 15 to 0400Z, Mar 16 and 1200Z-2400Z, Mar 16, 2025

[North American SSB Spring Contest](#) - 0000Z-0400Z, Mar 23, 2025

Meetings and Events Calendar - March

1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Virtual Breakfast 2M nets, 8:00 A.M. (800) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Actual real life breakfast at Sam's Restaurant in Charlottetown (121 St. Peters Rd), ~8:00 A.M. (800)

3: 2M Simplex net, at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on 146.550 MHz, hosted by Joel, VY2KW (to be confirmed)

4: Monthly club meeting

5, 12, 19, 26: Wednesday night 2M net at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

6, 13, 16, 20, 27: Thursday night HF nets, on 3727 LSB (+/- QRM) at 7:00 P.M. (1900)

Future Events:

World Amateur Radio Day

April 18 2025 is World Amateur Radio Day and RAC is running a special [Get on the Air](#) event that day. This year, it happens to be the 100th anniversary of the creation of the [International Amateur Radio Union \(IARU\)](#). RAC will be getting on the air from each of the call areas. Any RAC member wanting to operate as VY2RAC should get a hold of Assistant Director Bill Glydon VY2LI or Regional Director Al Penney V01NO for coordination.

Operation Manna / Chowhound

April 25-27 2025 is the 80th anniversary of [Operation Manna / Chowhound](#), and it will be commemorated in the United Kingdom and Europe. This event recalls the work of Bomber Command in World War II to drop emergency food supplies behind Nazi lines to civilians in Holland late in the War. The request is for teams of Radio Amateurs from around the world to come together on April 25th, 26th, and 27th 2025 to put on special event stations from interesting places to commemorate Operation Manna and Chowhound. The locations include in the Netherlands at an Operation Manna Drop Zone.

Three UK Teams: one at the International Bomber Command Centre, another at Former RAF Binbrook (an Operation Manna Airfield in the UK), and another at the 100th Bomb Group Museum Thorpe Abbots, representing the US operation Chowhound from a former Chowhound airfield.

Organizers are seeking Canadian, Australian and Polish operators from their respective countries to commemorate the international participation in operation Manna. 62 nationalities were part of RAF Bomber Command in WW2 with Poland, Australia and Canada making

massive contributions. Also teams in the USA representing operation Chowhound. Anyone interested?

May 2-3 2025: [NEAR-Fest](#)

May 10: [SMART Symposium](#) in Springhill NS

May 16-18 2025: [Dayton Hamvention](#) - This year's theme is Radio Independence

June 6-7: [Canada Wide Science Fair](#) in Fredericton, featuring a RAC booth promoting Amateur Radio

June 7: First ever [Atlantic QSO Party](#). Rules will be posted on their website and [Facebook](#) page. They intend to have the Atlantic RAC callsigns count as multipliers.

June 28-29 2025: [Field Day](#)

September 6 2025: [Ottawa \(Carp\) 2025 Hamfest](#) and potential RAC AGM

Help Us Out!

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